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ELECTRIC POWER DEMAND PREDICTION METHOD  
AND SYSTEM THEREFOR

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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[0002] Conventionally, prediction of electric power demand is carried out by predicting a total demand per individual electric power company for controlling the power supply by determining the requirements of power plants bearing a basic and constant power load and power plants providing variable outputs depending upon variation of the power load. Thus, electric power demand prediction has been performed by each individual electric power company independently of the others. Furthermore, the prediction is per facility serviced by the electric power company. However, in the environment where energy consumers may freely select electric power suppliers and/or electric power companies for receiving service, the conventional manner of prediction and electric power supply control cannot be always adapted to electric power conditions.

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Description of the Related Art

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20 and/or electric power companies for receiving service, the conventional manner of prediction and electric power supply control cannot be always adapted to electric power condition.

Conventionally, there is no business entity performing electric power supply services. Therefore, it has merely be  
25 performed by each electric power company to predict electric

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